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Southeastern Chapter
of the American Association
of Law Libraries, Inc.

July 29, 1991

To: SEALL (outgoing) Executive Committee

From: Alva

Re: Enclosed business meeting minutes

Please notify me as soon as possible if you see any errors or serious omission in these SEALL Business Meeting minutes. I have already sent them to our newsletter editors (the deadline was August 1, 1991), but if any corrections are needed we might be able to do a 'fix' before it goes to the printer.

(Excuse the informality, but I think my handwriting is legible. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting will follow sometime in August....)

MINUTES
of the
SEAALL BUSINESS MEETING

New Orleans, LA
Monday, July 22, 1991

Tim Coggins, President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and introduced the other officers at the head table: Alva T. Stone (Secretary), Diana Osbaldiston (Treasurer), and Mary Cross (Vice President/President-Elect).

Announcements. Tim announced the names of the eight recipients of our 1991 Lucile Elliot Scholarships, asking those present to stand and be recognized. SEAALL member Jean Holcomb, who is also President of the Virginia Association of Law Libraries (VALL), has been elected Chair of AALL's Council of Chapter Presidents. Carol Billings was presented with SEAALL's Distinguished Service Award during the Annual Meeting in Tuscaloosa. Committee chairs were reminded to review the procedures handbook in order to suggest changes, and to send their files to successors. Copies of the updated Chapter brochure were available; members were encouraged to share a brochure with prospective new members. Tim mentioned that a new AALL chapter in our area, the Alabama Chapter, was approved by the general membership during its Business Meeting earlier today. And finally, a resolution of thanks was presented to Ken Barnett, on the occasion of his retirement after 44 years with the Carswell Company. Ken was cited for his high standard of excellence as a vendor and for his unceasing support for programs and activities of SEAALL and the law library community.

Officers' Reports. Alva Stone referred to the minutes of the Annual Meeting business meeting published in Southeastern Law Librarian, and it was agreed to dispense with their reading. The minutes were approved as published. Results of the election were announced. Of SEAALL members receiving ballots, 53% voted. Mary Cross was overwhelmingly endorsed to fill the unexpired term (vacated by Peggy Martin) as 1990/91 Vice President/President-Elect. For 1991/92, Ed Edmonds has been elected VP/President-Elect and Sue Burch has been elected Treasurer. Alva requested permission to destroy the ballots, and this was approved.

Diana Osbaldiston distributed copies of the financial statement for 1 Apr. 1990-31 Mar. 1991. The Chapter currently has 591 members; 430 have already paid their dues for the coming year. Diana believes we may need to raise Chapter dues at some point, especially if we were to pay our own printing costs for the newsletter. Tim Coggins acknowledged the extra service which Diana has given to SEAALL (she served for three years as Treasurer, so

that that office's term could become "staggered" with the Secretary's two-year term), and presented her with an engraved plaque commemorating her work.

Wes Cochran (Immediate Past President) commented on his recent experience as Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents -- after seeing the inner workings of other AALL chapters, he believes that SEAALL is THE BEST in terms of organization, activities and programs!

Executive Committee Report. SEAALL will be listed as co-sponsor, with VALL, on the "Dialogue with a Library School" program being proposed for the AALL Annual Meeting in San Francisco. A subscription to the AALL Placement Service will be taken by SEAALL in Donnal Bausch's name, to improve her ability to fulfill her duties as Chair of our Placement Committee. Mary Cross has learned that one-half of the chapters have liability insurance for their officers; SEAALL does not. We may want to examine this question in the coming year.

Bylaws Revision. Proposed revisions to the Bylaws were previously announced in Tuscaloosa, and the entire membership was notified by mail last April. Proposals were to change references from the Chapter's "Constitution" to its "Articles", and to provide greater clarity on who may hold office. The option of notifying members of proposed amendments through publication in the newsletter, the right to membership for certain part-time workers, and the right to vote for all members were the other revisions proposed. Tim Coggins called for a voice vote on each proposal separately; all revisions were approved.

Annual Meetings Update. Cherry Thomas and her team did an exemplary job with local arrangements in Tuscaloosa. All programs were tape-recorded, and summaries of many of them were published in the last issue of Southeastern Law Librarian. The Copyright Institute was so well received that it may be repeated as an AALL Workshop in 1992. There was a small deficit (\$299) from the meeting in Tuscaloosa.

Next year the SEAALL meeting will be held April 9-12 at Calloway Gardens, GA. Robin Mills (Emory University) is chair of Local Arrangements; this is a joint meeting with the Atlanta Law Libraries Association.

SEAALL annual meetings and Local Arrangements chairpersons in future years will be: 1993, West Virginia (probably Charleston) - Cam Riley; 1994, North Carolina (probably Asheville) -- Tim Coggins and Hazel Johnson; 1995, Virginia (to be co-hosted with VALL). In 1996 we may have a joint meeting with SWALL, possibly in Galveston or in Austin (SEAALL members present had a slight preference for Austin).

Installation of New Officers. Before presenting the new President with her gavel, Tim Coggins briefly summarized the Chapter's accomplishments during 1990/91: the SEAALL brochure was revised; tax exempt status was obtained; a project to recruit new members was executed; efforts were made to improve public relations

and links with library schools; and many successful educational programs and the Copyright Institute were sponsored.

Mary Cross received her new gavel, and in turn presented Tim with a token of SEAALL's appreciation for a job well done (a business portfolio-style case). Mary then stated some of her goals for SEAALL in 1991/92: assist AALL in the fulfillment of its Long Range Plan; continue our outreach efforts with library schools to promote law librarianship as a career and gain more student members for SEAALL; and support our Publications Committee's project to update the Southeast state law bibliographies. Members were reminded that there are positions still available on several Committees; volunteer forms were distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m., and there followed in the Hilton Rosedown Room a reception co-sponsored by SEAALL and four other Chapters: ALLA, NOALL, SFALL, and VALL.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva T. Stone, Secretary